

simply says you may do this if you want to. "May" means you can if you want to, you don't have to if you don't want to. I seldom agree with Senator Kahle. But if the Lamb amendment is adopted what does the bill say. 'Hi fellas over at the Board of Equalization, it's nice to see you. We have a message for you. Here is some information, you can use it if you want to. You don't have to. It was nice talking to you. The attempt on the part of Senator Lamb to offer this particular amendment, if it's adopted, the bill is full of sound and fury and signifies nothing.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose the Lamb amendment. The Lamb amendment, basically, says that we don't need the bill. That is exactly his intention. Senator Lamb will oppose this bill all the way through. He'll vote against it on Final Reading and that's the way it ought to be. I think that those people that want to do that should in fact do that. If you don't like the bill or its intent and so forth I offered a compromise. I offered it as honestly and sincerely as I possibly could. I wanted to make this a philosophical intent that we're the people who are concerned about the mechanics and about an absolute situation, and forcing the State Board of Equalization to meet again if they already met. I said all right, all right, I'll try to work with those people that have opposition. I will soften the intent of the bill by including the word "should". That is exactly what it should do. We should soften that and include should, not may, or can, or oughta, or maybe. To speak briefly to Senator Lamb's intent is to kill the bill. Senator Murphy's amendment, which I hope that he will offer at some later time, will basically not only kill the bill but it will turn it back to do just the opposite of what I wanted it to do. I think that is a legitimate tactic. But at this point it does not offer anything. It is not a compromise, and it can be done at a different time. You can also strike the enacting clause and you can make those kinds of motions. But to try to water it down and play these silly games is just a waste of time, waste of the Legislature's efforts. I think the Lamb amendment should be defeated. The "should" amendment should be offered. If people want to then vote against the bill that is fine, but let's get on with our business. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I think that Senator Newell himself softened the bill by saying should. It would be right back to where "may" is anyway. I was in hopes perhaps that he would leave it as it was so that it would have some teeth in it. I wanted to ask a question on the bill, but not on the amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Question has been called for. Motion is shall debate cease. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Question is whether or not debate shall cease on the Lamb amendment to the Newell amendment LB 327. Have you all voted? Record the vote.